

Washington, DC-U.S. Congressman Mike Pence gave the following speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today regarding the budget:

"With a \$14 trillion national debt and a \$1.65 trillion deficit this year alone, yesterday the United States Senate voted to reject the House effort to fund the government for the rest of the year. The Senate Majority Leader even took to the floor and called our \$61 billion in savings, 'mean spirited, reckless and irresponsible.' He even defended federal funding for the Cowboy Poetry Festival, apparently in his own state.

"You know, I learned a long time ago out here in Washington that sometimes things don't change in Washington, D.C., until they have to.

"I think we have to pick a fight.

"If House Republicans want to win this battle, we need to take a stand for the budget cuts and the policy changes enshrined in H.R. 1. That's \$61 billion in savings this year, defunding ObamaCare and defunding Planned Parenthood of America.

"It's time to take a stand for fiscal responsibility and reform. We have to say, 'This far and no further.'

"For the sake of our children and our grandchildren, we need to make a stand for the American people.

"And make no mistake about it. If we make this fight, we can win this fight because the American people are on our side."